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SUBA: SECRETARY' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT FOR 1972-
PARAGUAY SECTION

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECTION ON PARAGUAY OF SECRETARY' S
FOREIGN POLICY REPORT FOR 1972, TO BE RELEASED TO PUBLIC
APRIL 19:

QUOTE: IN 1972 PARAGUAY TOOK IMPORTANT STEPS TO CONTROL
THE ILLICIT NARCOTICS TRAFFIC THROUGH THAT COUNTRY TO
THE UNITED STATES. IN AUGUST, AUGUSTE RICORD, A NOTORIOUS
NARCOTICS TRAFFICKER, WAS EXTRADITED FROM PARAGUAY TO THE
UNITED STATES. A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON NARCOTICS
MATTERS WAS SIGNED BY THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE FIRST LAW
MAKING DRUG ABUSE ILLEGAL IN PARAGUAY AND ESTABLISHING A
NARCOTICS CONTROL UNIT WAS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT STROESSNER.
U. S. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WILL PROVIDE TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE. (SEE SECTION ON SOCIAL AND SCIENTIFIC DIMEN-
SIONS: INTERNATIONAL SOCIO- POLITICAL COOPERATION, NAR-
COTICS CONTROL.)

QUOTE: THE PARAGUAYAN ECONOMY ACHIEVED MODEST ECONOMIC
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GROWTH, RELATIVE PRICE STABILITY, AND A VIABLE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS. THE U. S. AID PROGRAM CONTINUED, MAINLY IN THE AREA OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, AND EXPORTS. UNQTE.

2. SEPTELS CONTAIN GUIDANCE REPORT AS WHOLE AND GENERAL LATIN AMERICAN PORTION, AND USIA WIRELESS FILE CARRYING TEXT LATTER. ROGERS

THAT ITS " MEXICANIZATION" POLICY, WHICH ENCOUR- AGES MEXICAN OWNERSHIP OR PARTICIPATION, WILL CONTINUE.

IN MID- JUNE, PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA PAID A STATE VISIT TO WASHINGTON. ONE PROBLEM OCCUPYING THE TWO PRESIDENTS WAS THE SALINITY OF THE COLORADO RIVER WATER ENTERING MEXICO. FOLLOWING EARLIER EXCHANGES OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON THIS PROBLEM. PRESIDENT NIXON ASSURED PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA OF HIS SINCERE DESIRE TO FIND A DEFINITIVE, EQUITABLE, AND JUST SOLUTION. TO THIS END, HE APPOINTED FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL HERBERT BROWNELL AS A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO RECOMMEND A SOLUTION BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. MR. BROWNELL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF AN INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE AND IN CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN STATES, COMPLETED HIS ASSIGNMENT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THE PRESIDENT HAS INDICATED THAT AS SOON AS THE REPORT IS CONSIDERED, CONCRETE PROPOSALS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO.

ILLEGAL ENTRIES INTO THE UNITED STATES BY A LARGE NUMBER OF MEXICAN MIGRATORY WORKERS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED. PRESIDENTS NIXON AND ECHEVERRIA AGREED THAT EACH COUNTRY WOULD UNDERTAKE AN IN- DEPTH STUDY OF THIS QUESTION. THE US STUDY GROUP IS PREPARING TO SUBMIT ITS REPORT IN EARLY 1973.

IN THE CRITICAL AREA OF NARCOTICS CONTROL, THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO HAVE EXPANDED COOPERATION IN THE WAR ON DRUGS. DESTRUCTION OF ILLICIT NARCOTICS PRODUCTION FACILITIES AND SEIZURE OF DRUGS ORIGINATING IN OR TRANS- ITING MEXICO HAVE INCREASED IMPRESSIVELY, AS HAVE ARRESTS OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS. THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT USES SWEEPS BY AS MANY AS 12,000 MILITARY PERSONNEL TO SEARCH OUT AND DESTROY ILLEGAL POPPY AND MARIJUANA CROPS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONFISCATIONS HAVE REACHED CUMULATIVE TOTALS MEASURED IN HUNDREDS OF POUNDS OF HEROIN AND HUNDREDS OF TONS OF MARIJUANA. TO FURTHER THIS EFFORT, THE UNITED STATES IS PROVIDING TO THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT \$1.3 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING FOR USE IN ANTIDRUG WORK. CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, AND CANADA HAS CONTINUED; A TRIPARTITE MEETING AT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL LEVEL WAS HELD IN MEXICO CITY IN MARCH, AND A LOWER LEVEL MEETING OCCURRED IN OTTAWA IN DECEMBER.

THE SECOND YEAR OF PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA'S ADMINISTRATION SAW A FURTHER BROADENING OF COOPERATIVE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THE COMPREHENSIVE BOUNDARY TREATY OF 1970 ENTERED INTO EFFECT IN APRIL WITH THE EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION. DURING PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S STATE VISIT, BILATERAL ACCORDS WERE REACHED ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, EXCHANGE OF TECHNICIANS, CULTURAL PROJECTS, AND REMOTE SENSING BY SATELLITE. IN THE FALL, AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED TO REGULATE FM RADIO BROADCASTING IN THE BORDER AREA AND TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM AIMED AT ERADICATING THE SCREWORM FLY. THE LATTER AGREEMENT WAS IN THE TRADITION OF OTHER COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH, SUCH AS JOINT EFFORTS TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF VENEZUELAN EQUINE ENCEPHALOMYELITIS. END QUOTE.

2. THIS YEAR'S REPORT, AS IN PAST YEARS, EMPHASIZES COOPERATIVE EFFORTS BY THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO TO SOLVE BILATERAL PROBLEMS AMICABLY; WE KNOW YOU WILL WISH TO PUBLICIZE OR OTHERWISE CITE REPORT ON SELECTIVE BASIS AND AS CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATE. ROGERS

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